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SETTING UP OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up 1000 MW thermal power plant by NTPC in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of other proposals for new projects submitted by the State Government to meetthe power requirement and action taken/proposed thereon; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to harness tremendous thermal power generation potential in Vidarbha?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a), (b) & (d) : The setting up of a power plant in a particular region/state by NationalThermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is determined, with reference to availability of coal/fuel, demand and supply position in the region, availability of key inputs like land, water, project site meeting environmental standards and guidelines with minimum displacement of Project Affected Persons and acquisition of minimum prime agricultural/forest land, ability of the beneficiary States to pay and willingness to sign Power Purchase Agreement with adequate safeguards mechanisms and other techno- economic considerations. NTPC is exploring some sites in Maharashtra/Vidarbha to assess their prima-facie suitability keeping in view the above aspects for setting up thermal power plant there as a part of its long term capacity addition programme.

(c) : The following proposals for setting up of power plants in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra were received in Central Electricity Authority (CEA):

(i) Bhadravati Thermal Power Station (2x536 MW) in Chandrapur district to be setup in private sector by M/s. CIPCO.The project was cleared by CEA in December, 1994.

(ii) Paras Thermal Power Station (1x250 MW) in Akola district to be set up byMaharashtra State Electricity Board.The project was returned by CEA inSeptember, 1998 due to non-availability of land, fuel linkage, clearance by Ministry of Environment and Forests, compliance to Section 29(2) of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, ash management plan, updated cost etc.